

# Method and System for Providing Synchronous Communication and Person Awareness In a Place

## Abstract of the Disclosure

5 Collaboration space object model provides for a place  
consisting of rooms created by users interacting with a  
client browser. A skin (i.e., theme) may be used as  
template for creating places. PlaceBots (i.e., agents)  
provide for accessing, processing and managing data in a  
10 place. HTML may be dragged and dropped into a place, where  
it is parsed and corresponding place fields created. MS  
Excel or Word documents may be dragged and dropped into a  
place, which creates a corresponding form, and users may  
create new documents using that form. A place type  
15 comprising a template of an entire place, or collaboration  
space, may be used to create new places. Changes made to a  
place may be reported, subject to security controls, by  
selecting what's new. Task fields are provided allowing web  
browser creation of forms for work flow. Place enabled  
20 objects are provided for synchronous communications. A  
quick browse feature provides a simplified format for  
browser windows based on selection of HTML links. MS Office  
documents may launched within a place for in place editing  
and importing the resulting document into the place.